



GOD'S MERCY SEEN THROUGH ELECTION



ARTICLE 10 - ELECTION BASED ON GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE

"The cause of this gracious election is solely the good pleasure of God. This good pleasure does not consist in this, that out of all possible conditions God chose certain qualities or actions of men as a condition for salvation, but in this, that out of the common mass of sinners He adopted certain persons to be His own possession."

- 6. What Biblical example is a grim reminder that God does not chose us based on any good or evil we have done? Genesis 25:22-23; Malachi 1:1-3; Romans 9:11-13

ARTICLE 11 - ELECTION UNCHANGEABLE

"As God Himself is most wise, unchangeable, all knowing and almighty, so His election can neither be undone and redone, nor changed, revoked, or annulled; neither can the elect be cast away, nor their number be diminished."

- 7. Why can a person not fall from election? John 10:28

ARTICLE 12 - THE ASSURANCE OF ELECTION

"The elect in due time, though in various stages and in different measure, are made certain of this their eternal and unchangeable election to salvation...not by inquisitively prying into the hidden and deep things of God, but by observing in themselves, with spiritual joy...the unfailing fruits of election pointed out in the Word of God - such as a true faith in Christ, a childlike fear of God, a godly sorrow for their sins, and a hunger and thirst for righteousness."

- 8. How can a man know the things of God? Deut. 29:29; I Cor. 2:10-11
- 9. What are we told to do? 2 Cor. 13:5
- It has been surveyed that 10% of all those who were moved to do "altar calls" in a Billy Graham Crusade were still attending church within a year and 10% of that 10% (1 out of the original 100) were still attending church after 10 years. What kind of assurance of salvation can be found in this?
- 10. What is one of the first things that change within a person drawn by God first? 2 Cor. 7:10
- 11. What are the unfailing fruits given as a result of that drawing? (Gal. 5:22-24)

ARTICLE 13 - THE VALUE OF THIS ASSURANCE

"The awareness and assurance of this election provide the children of God with greater reason for daily humbling themselves before God, for adoring the depth of His mercies, for cleansing themselves and for fervently loving Him in turn who first so greatly loved them. It is therefore not at all true that this doctrine of election and the reflection on it makes them lax in observing the commands of God or falsely secure. In the just judgment of God, this usually happens to those who rashly presume to have the grace of election, or idly and boldly chatter about it, but refuse to walk in the ways of the elect."



"...WHOM WE PREACH, WARNING EVERY MAN, AND TEACHING EVERY MAN IN ALL WISDOM..."
-COL. 1:27-28

- 12. Why does this awareness humble a child of God? I John 4:10-19

ARTICLE 14 - HOW ELECTION SHOULD BE TAUGHT

"This doctrine...was preached by the prophets, by Christ Himself, and the apostles, under the Old as well as the New Testament, and was then committed to writing in the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, also today this doctrine should be taught in the church of God, for which it was particularly intended, in its proper time and place, provided it be done with a spirit of discretion, in a reverent and holy manner, without inquisitively prying into the ways of the most High, to the glory of God's most holy Name..."

- 13. What should be the attitude of a child of God toward election? Ro. 12:3; I Cor. 4:5-7



"BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHOW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT."
- I PETER 2:9

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- Romans 11:33